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Dear Mom & Dad,

I'm enclosing a picture that was taken on the ship last week. I don't normally wear a coat and tie; usually a khaki-type outfit similar to what the officers wear. As you know, my birthday is rapidly approaching and it appears I will be celebrating it in Alexandria, Egypt (not Va!).

I just finished pedalling the bicycle and doing situps. From the bridge I could see it is a sunny day with calm seas. Wed morning we arrive in Athens so I hope the good weather continues. I'll meet Vickie at the airport Wed afternoon. When the ship leaves Athens she is planning to fly to Istanbul before returning to Italy. Love,

Jim

P.S. Those are certainly good pictures which I'm returning to you.